(b) what are the reasons that concerned CPWD engineers of Pushp Vihar, New Delhi are not following this rule;

(c) what is the number of quarters of Pushp Vihar Sector-III, New Delhi, which have been surrendered during 1986 and for which the recovery has not been imposed together with the reasons therefor; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The distemper work of type I, II and III flats of Government colonies is not done at Government cost. In case it is done by the allottee, recovery could be made for its replacement by white wash at the time of surrender of flat.

(b) There is no violation of rule.

(c) and (d) 295 quarters were surrendered in Pushp Vihar Sector III during 1986. But none of them have been distempered. Hence the question of recovery of removal of distemper does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts

3393. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open rehabilitation centres for drug addicts in the country;

(b) if so what are the details of the proposal in this regard; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, what other steps Government propose to take to help such addicts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No separate rehabilitation centre for drug addicts has been set up by the Government. However, seven Counselling Centres for drug addicts in Delhi have already been set up by the voluntary organisations with assistance from Govt. These Centres are being run by four voluntary organisations, namely, Association for Social Health in India, Delhi Women's League, Indian Council of Education and Home Economics Education Society. These were set up with a view to provide rehabilitation cover and also information regarding sources of treatment and other rehabilitation centres to addicts and to help in collection, storage and dissemination of data, as also to liase with enforcement agencies. The Counselling Centres also help by providing individual and group therapy etc. as per requirements of individuals. More such centres are being contemplated in other parts of the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Losses suffered by BALCO

3394. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loss suffered by Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) during the years 1984, 1985 and so far in 1986;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps Government are taking to check the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The details of

losses incurred by BALCO are as under:—

Year	Rs. in crores
1984-85	14·75*
1985-86	77·37*
1986-87 (upto October, 1986)	46·72*

(*Interest holiday granted on Government Loans)

The main reasons for losses incurred by the company are:-

(i) The gap between the retention price of aluminium and its actual cost of production;

(ii) Non-supply of adequate power by Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board till August, 1985 leading to non-utilisation of full installed capacity of the smelter and high rates for power charged by MPEB.

(iii) Provision during 1986-87 for payment of interest on Government loan.

The matter for reduction in power tariff was taken up with the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and discussions were held with him. As a result thereof, Government of Madhya Pradesh has agreed to reduce the cost of power from 75 paise to 67 paise per unit. This would help BALCO to reduce its losses during 1986-87 by a sum of over Rs. 14 crores. Capital restructuring of the company is also engaging the attention of the Government. The company has also been affecting reduction in specific consumption of raw materials, power, fuel and consumable stores.

White Paper on Steel Industry

3395. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a white paper on steel industry; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Government are engaged in reviewing the growth and present situation of the steel industry and mapping out its direction and course of development till the end of the century. It is yet to be decided whether this survey will be brought out in the form of a White Paper.

Custom Milling of Rice by Food Department of Punjab and its Agencies

3396. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Department of Punjab and two State agencies have undertaken custom milling of rice on behalf of the F.C.I. since 1980-81 at 'no profit no loss' basis;

(b) whether the State Government had represented that for undertaking custom milling, it has incurred loss of about Rs. 40 crores during the above period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the details of all costs incurred by the State Government were discussed and sanctioned in 1980-81; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have taken unilateral decision to sanction block incidentals, thereby causing huge losses to the State Government and its agencies?